

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HJR 548

March 5, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Makes application to the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that, absent a national emergency, the total of all Federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints. Notes that this application be considered as having the same subject matter as previously adopted applications of 19 other states, and requests that this application be aggregated with such applications in determining application of two-thirds of the states in compliance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States and President of the United States Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House of Representatives; to each Tennessee member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives; and to the Archivist of the United States. Copies will also be sent to the presiding officers of the other state legislative bodies in the United States with a request to join Tennessee in such application.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012990): Deletes all original language and rewrites the resolution such that the only changes are to use the phrase "convention of the states" instead of "constitutional convention" and add the state of Ohio as the 20th state having previously adopted an application with the same subject of the resolution as amended for purposes of determining compliance of Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Any increase in state expenditures to prepare and distribute copies of this resolution to the appropriate individuals is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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